13. Shahmaljat
14. Jhalkari Bai
15. Begum Hazrat Mahal
16. Jatin Das
17. Bagha Jatin of Bengal
18. Mrs. Matangini Hazra

Radio coverage in border areas

†1155. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps being taken to strengthen the radio coverage in border areas of the country;

(b) whether new radio stations proposed for Uttarakhand in the Tenth Plan period have started functioning; and

(c) if not, the broadcasting stations which have been affected due to delay and by when these stations would start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) Yes, Sir. For strengthening the radio coverage in border areas, following Plans have been implemented:

1. J and K Special Plan Phase-I has been completed. Under this plan 9 projects have been commissioned and 3 are technically ready.
2. As part of North East Plan Phase-I, two FM transmitters at Itanagar and Kohima are ready.
3. In May, 2006, following transmitters have been approved under North East Special Plan Phase-II:
   (i) 1 kW FM transmitter at 19 new places.
   (ii) 5 kW FM transmitter at Silchar.
   (iii) 10 kW FM transmitter at Gangtok.
   (iv) Replacement of 1000 kW MW transmitter at Chinsurah (W.B.) by same power transmitter.
   (v) 100 Nos. of 100 Watt FM transmitters for uncovered areas.

Further, 1000 kW MW transmitter at Rajkot is being replaced by a new transmitter of same power.

(b) and (c) The details are given in the Statement.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Status of Tenth Plan Projects for Uttarakhand

Sl. No.	Name of the place (S)	Details of Transmitter	Status
1.	Kathikhan, Nainital, Ranikhet, Tanakpur, Bhatwari, Rajgarhi, Pratap Nagar, Bacher, Ukhimath and Gopeshwar (Chamoli)	Low Power 100 Watt FM Transmitters	Installed but could not be commissioned as frequency clearance for their operation is awaited from Wireless Planning and Coordination (WPC) wing of Department of Telecommunication.
2.	Dehradun	Studios and 10 kW FM Transmitter	After long persuasion with State Government for cost of site, AIR could acquire site in December, 2005. Estimates for boundary wall and building have been sanctioned. 10 kW FM transmitter will be installed at Mussourie. Tenders for 10 kW PM Transmitter have been invited.
3.	Haldwani	10 kW FM Transmitter	Payment for site has been made. But State Government is yet to hand over the site.
4.	Dharchula	1 kW MW Transmitter	A site belonging to Police Department was identified. But it could not materialize. So far no suitable site could be identified.
5.	Rudraprayag	1 kW FM Transmitter	Site identified. Demand note is yet to be received.
6.	Champawat	1 kW FM Transmitter	Demand note for site has been received.
7.	Bageshwar	5 kW FM Transmitter	Site taken over, estimate for permanent boundary wall sanctioned.
8.	Gairsen	1 kW FM Transmitter	Site taken over, estimate for boundary wall sanctioned.
9.	New Tehri	1 kW FM Transmitter	Site acquired. Preliminary Estimate for boundary wall under process.

NOTE: Implementation of the above schemes will depend upon availability of funds and sanction of Operation and Maintenance staff.